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Application No.: 09/818,558)	
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Filed: March 28, 2001)	
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For: CONTROL METHOD FOR)	
IMAGE PROCESSING	:	
APPARATUS CONNECTABLE)	
TO COMPUTER NETWORK	:	January 27, 2006

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to U.S. Patent No. 5,907,410, which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 but of which a copy is not enclosed, pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55 (August 5, 2003).

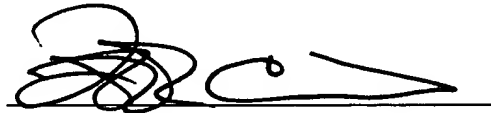
This document was cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not received a first Office Action pursuant to the December 1, 2005 filing of an RCE, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of

the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing and returning the attached Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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